

Establishing a restricted private-club liquor license

HB 1426 by Kamel/O.H. Harris

DIGEST:	HB 1426 would have created a private-club liquor license restricted to the storage and service of wine, beer and malt liquor for members of the club. The license would have cost \$1,500 a year. After notice and hearing, the license could have been canceled if a restricted permit holder stored or served alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine or malt liquor.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	". . . No clear and convincing evidence has been presented to indicate a need for a new and creative way to obtain a license to sell alcohol. Enforcing the alcoholic beverage sales and consumption laws of the state would be hindered by the passage of this bill."
RESPONSE:	Rep. Ted Kamel, author of HB 1426, said: "This bill would have helped small restaurants compete against large corporations; small restaurant owners can't afford the financial burden of obtaining a full liquor license. This bill would have provided new money to the General Revenue Fund by allowing them to purchase liquor licenses in a dry area."
NOTES:	HB 1426 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .